

Centerville, Ind.

P.O. Box, No. 3.

September 28-87.

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I would like to sell. I
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Secretary of the Numismatic
Society of Boston. I was in
Zanzibar at the time the
coin was unearthed. Would
you like to purchase it?
And at what price?

Yours respectfully,
Mrs. Annie B. Ashby

Inscription on Arabic coins.

One side in centre -

There is no God but God only. He has no companion.

Round the rim

Mahomed is the apostle of God, who sent him to be a guide to the true religion to make it known to the whole world.

On the obverse, in the centre.

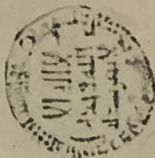
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Note, Dec. 1862.

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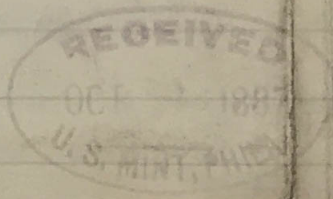


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Putnamville, Ind.
Sept 28. 1887

Annie B. Ashby.

Wants to sell an
Oriental Coin



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Oct. 1. 1887.

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Intrinsic value. About,
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NARA RG104, Entry 1, Box 148

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[Please see original images for coin rubbings.]

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U.S. Treasury Department.

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